

REMARKS

I. Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-2, 4, 12-13, 15, 23-24, 26 and 34-45 were pending in this application.

Claims 1-2, 4, 12-13, 15, 23-24, 26 and 34-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Gerace U.S. Patent No. 5,848,396 ("Gerace").

Claims 43-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious from Gerace in view of Schein et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,388,714 ("Schein").

II. Summary of Applicants' Reply

Though applicants respectfully believe that the pending claims are patentable, in the interest of advancing prosecution, applicants have amended claims 1, 12 and 23 to more particularly define the claimed invention. Applicants' claim amendments and new claims do not introduce any new matter and are fully supported by the originally-filed specification (see, for example, p. 36, ll. 8-15, ll. 26-30).

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

III. Rejections of Independent Claims 1, 12 and 23

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 4, 12-13, 15, 23-24, 26 and 34-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), or in the alternative under § 103(a) as being anticipated by or obvious from Gerace. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection.

Applicants' claimed invention, as recited in amended independent claims 1, 12 and 23, is directed to a method and systems for providing a user with personalized schedule information. The user selects a television-related information source and specifies first criteria for delivering television program listings from the selected television-related information source. The user also selects a non-television-related information source and specifies second criteria for delivering schedule information for non-televised events from the selected non-television-related information source. The user also enters "schedule information for an event personal" to the user. The user further selects a delivery scheme for delivering personalized schedule information, where the personalized schedule information includes the selected television program listings, the selected schedule information for non-televised events, and "the user entered schedule information." The personalized schedule information is then generated and

delivered to the user based on the selected delivery scheme.
(claims 1, 12 and 23, emphasis added).

Applicants respectfully submit that Gerace does not show or suggest a scheduling system in which the user may enter schedule information for an event personal to the user, and in which the schedule information entered by the user is displayed in a personalized schedule information display.

For at least the foregoing reasons, independent claims 1, 12 and 23 are allowable over Gerace. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the rejections of independent claims 1, 12 and 23 be withdrawn.

IV. Rejections of the Dependent Claims

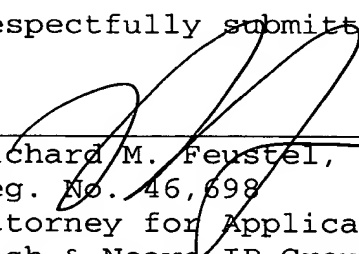
Dependent claims 2, 4, 13, 15, 24, 26 and 34-45, which depend from independent claims 1, 12 and 23, are patentable over Gerace and the combination of Gerace and Schein for at least the reasons that independent claims 1, 12 and 23 are patentable over Gerace. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the rejections of claims 2, 4, 13, 15, 24, 26 and 34-45 be withdrawn.

V. Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for

allowance. Accordingly, prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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